

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
Burned December 2005 (John McGrain)
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE <u>Maryland</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Baltimore Co.</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Bee Tree Mill0301814614

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Simpsons Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Bee Tree Road, north side, 0.6 miles west of York Road (Md. 45)

CITY OR TOWN:

7th District

STATE

Md.

CODE

COUNTY:

Baltimore Co.

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
					No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>			
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Raymond M. Simpson

STREET AND NUMBER:

Bee Tree Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Freeland (?)

STATE:

Md.

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Towson C.H., Liber 4751, f. 558

STREET AND NUMBER:

Towson, Md. 21204

CITY OR TOWN:

Towson

STATE:

Md. 21204

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 37.05 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

BCLR

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A small mill on a large pond, log and chink construction with other outbuildings. North side of Bee Tree Road, west of pond.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This small mill stands on "Long Valley", a tract surveyed for Isaac Sampson in 1793. It was deeded to David Sampson in 1819 (BCLR WG No. 151, f. 230). The mill dam is mentioned in a deed of 1849 from Nicholas Sampson to Caleb W. Royston (AWB No. 418, f. 178). C. Royston's mill is shown on the 1850 Sidney map of Baltimore County. Royston sold the mill site to William H. Simpson in 1865, JHL No. 45, f. 195, for \$200.

The 1877 Hopkins atlas ~~x~~ shows Simpsons grist and sawmill; W.H. Simpson was an atlas patron, listing his nativity as Cecil County. It remained in the family to the present, passing to Jacob Simpson, then to Henry W. Simpson, in 1899; to William H. Simpson in 1913, and to Raymond M. Simpson in 1967. Mr. W.H. Simpson, who lived until 1970, continued to run ~~x~~ the mill with water power to make cider. The ~~mill~~ mill, a rather odd, log-and-chink structure, is on the north side of Bee Tree Road west of York Road (Md. 45) in a shaded glen with a large pond across Bee Tree Run. The mill ~~x~~ is set in a cluster of outbuildings; the late owner was adverse to photography of the site.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

No known interviews with owner published.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. McGrain		DATE August 17, 1971
ORGANIZATION B.C. Historical Society		
STREET AND NUMBER: 9811 Van Buren Lane		
CITY OR TOWN: Cockeysville, Md.	STATE Md.	CODE 21030

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____


ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN _____ VICINITY Dist. VII STREET NO. on Bee Tree Run and Bee Tree Rd. W. of York Road ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-182/81	
		2. NAME Bee Tree Mill DATE OR PERIOD 1877 STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <p>Located in a deeply shaded glen. Built of crude log construction; one story, tin roof.</p> <p>Formerly called Simpson's Mill; used as a grist mill and as a saw mill according to the 1877 Atlas. In recent years used as a cider mill.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY March 20, 1968</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD _____	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

**BEE TREE MILL (7)
BEE TREE ROAD**

This small log mill stood on the tract called "Long Valley," which was first surveyed for Isaac Sampson in 1793. The ground was deeded to David Sampson in 1819 (BCLR WG 151:230). The 1823 tax list of Old District No. 5 showed David Sampson with 90 acres, part of Long Valley, and a small grist mill assessed at \$150. The 1833 Assessor's Field Book of Old District No. 5 also showed David Sampson, this time with the tracts Long Valley and Pleasant Hills, worth \$5 per acre, and one gristmill assessed at \$500.

David Sampson, Trustee, advertised a property for sale under court decree, the auction to take place at Charles Duer's Tavern in New Market (i. e., Maryland Line village). Sampson offered the premises occupied by Micajah Freeland, deceased, ... 5 miles north of Wiseburg ... 1 mile south of New Market ... 32 acres ... "Long Valley" ... with a stone dwelling, log barn, and gristmill in good order (Baltimore *American*, November 27, 1844).

The mill dam was mentioned in a deed made in 1849 from Nicholas Sampson to Caleb W. Royston (Deeds AWB 418:178).

C. Royston's mill was shown in the 1850 map by J. C. Sidney and P. J. Browne. Caleb W. Royston was shown in the 1852 Assessment of Election District No. 7 with Long valley and a grist mill and machinery assessed at \$250. Royston sold the mill site to William H. Simpson in 1865 (Deeds JHL 45:195).

The *Baltimore County Union* of November 7, 1874, reprinted a story from the *Glen Rock Item*:

Mr. W. H. Simpson, of Long Valley Mills, near New Market, Baltimore County, informs us that he has a cherry tree in full bloom. He also says that on the 20th inst., about 75 wild geese lit in his mill dam and amused a number of sportsmen, who in a short time collected at the dam, and who succeeded in shooting three.

The 1877 G. M. Hopkins county atlas showed Simpson's grist and saw mill. W. H. Simpson was also an atlas patron, listing his nativity as Cecil County.

The 1880 census of manufactures listed W. H. Simpson's custom mill worth \$1500 with two run of stones and a 25 bu/diem maximum output. A 17-foot fall drove a 6 hp overshot wheel 4 ft broad at 26 rpm. Annual output was 100 bbl flour, 10 bbl rye, 20 tons meal, and 28.7 tons of feed (\$2660).

This mill remained in the Simpson family into the 21st Century, having passed to Jacob Simpson, then to Henry W. Simpson in 1899, to Willaim H. Simpson in 1913,

and to Raymond M. Simpson in 1967. Mr. W. H. Simpson, who lived until 1970, continued to run the mill with water power to make cider. In 1974, Stuart Roser, the miller of Parkton, noted that the heirs of old Mr. Simpson were letting the place go to ruin.

The mill burned about 3:36 a.m. on the morning of November 27, 2005, reported in the *North County News*, December 1, 2005, Pat Van Den Beemt, "No One Injured in fires in House and Old Mill."

The mill had been a rather odd, log-and-chink structure, on the north side of Bee Tree Road west of York Road (Md. 45) in a shaded glen with a large pond damming Bee Tree Run. The mill had been set in a cluster of small outbuildings. No visitors had ever been allowed to tour the mill or the grounds. This was site No. BA 181 in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory.



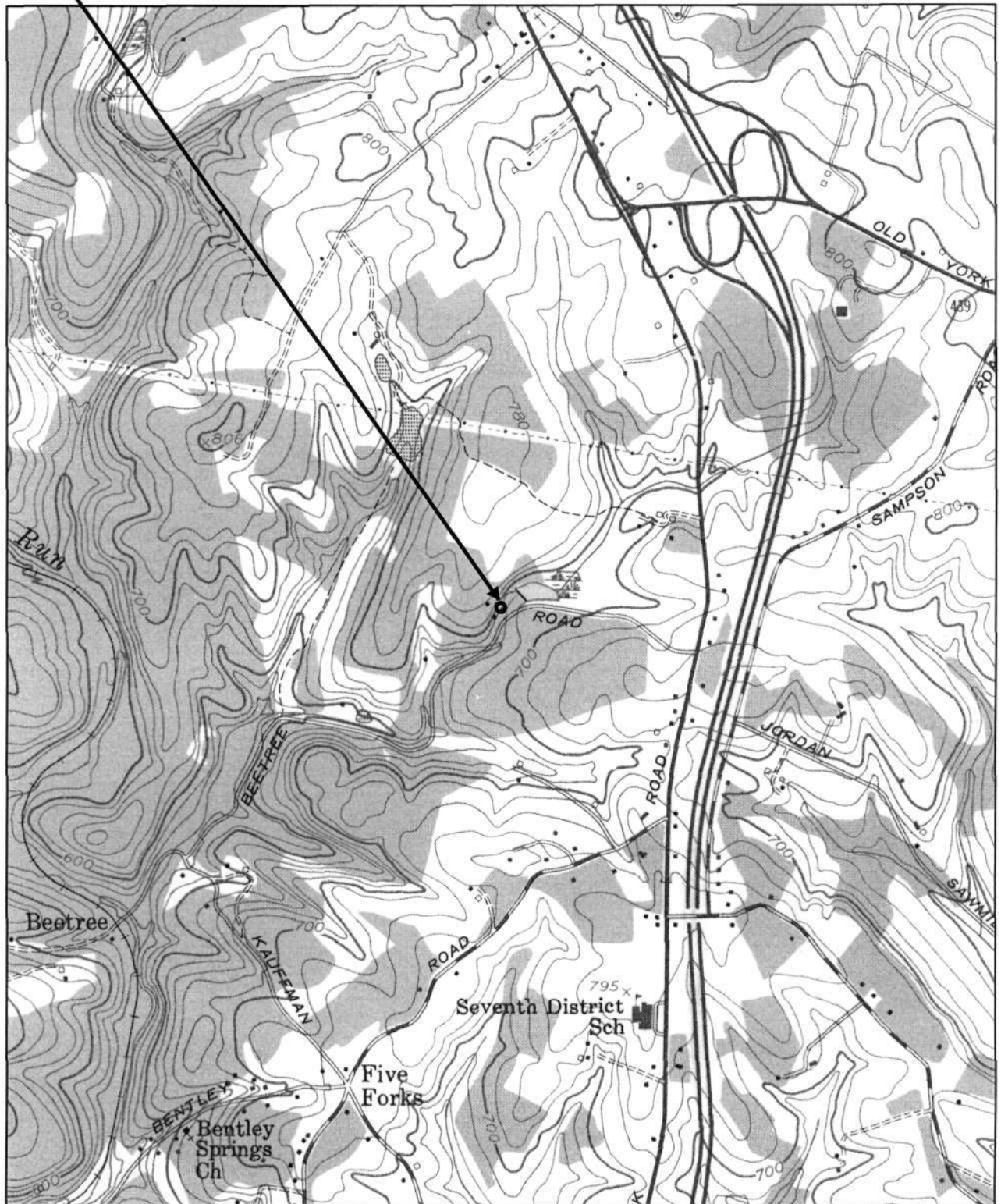
BA-181
Bee Tree Mill (Simpsons Mill)
Bee Tree Road, Parkton

Burned 2005

Photo by John McGrain, 1970



BA-181
Bee Tree Mill (Simpson Mill), site
Bee Tree Road
New Freedom Quadrangle
Baltimore County





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